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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

1. VASILE GLIGA, WHO IS ROMANIA'S SENIOR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND WILL BE HEADING ROMANIAN LOS DELEGATION, HAS ASKED ME TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT ARRANGING FOR HIM TO MEET YOU NEXT WEEK. GLIGA, WHOM YOU MET LAST NOVEMBER, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROMANIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LEGAL PROBLEMS. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST CIVILIZED AND REASONABLE INTERLOCUTORS WITH WHOM WE DEAL HERE. HE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK LATE MAY 19 AND HIS FIRST PRIORITY WILL BE TO GET CAUGHT UP ON THE GROUP OF 77 DELIBERATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON THIS WEEK. (ROMANIA YOU'LL RECALL BECAME A MEMBER OF THE 77 A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO.). HE HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SEE HIM THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK AND THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OURS.

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2. THE MAIN SUBSTANTIVE POINT GLIGA MENTIONED TO ME LAST NIGHT WAS THE NEED IN ROMANIAN JUDGMENT TO FIND MORE FLEXIBLE FORMULAE FOR HANDLING DEEP SEA BEDS ELXPLOITATION - FORMULAE WHICH WOULD NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITIES FOR THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH FOR MANY YEARS AT BEST WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT THESE RESOURCES DIRECTLY. HE MAINTAINS

THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF SUSPICION AMONG THE LDC'S IS SO GREAT WITH REGARD TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH CAN EXPLOIT THE DEEP SEA BEDS THAT SOME WAY HAS TO BE FOUND TO DEFUSE IT. ROMANIA IS NOT OPPOSED AS SUCH TO THE IDEA OF THE PARELLEL APPROACH TO EXPLOITATION, BUT IS CONVINCED MORE ATTENTION HAS TO BE PAID TO THE LDC INTERESTS ON THE GROUND THAT THE DEEP SEA BEDS BELONG TO ALL COUNTRIES.

3. THE ONLY OTHER SPECIFIC POINT HE MENTIONED WAS IN REFERENCE TO THE RELATIVE POWER OF AN EVENTUAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL. GLIGA SAID ROMANIA DISAGREES WITH THE VIEW HELD BY THE SOVIETS AMONG OTHERS THAT THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD MEET RARELY AND ONLY THEN TO HEAR REPORTS. WHILE GRANTING THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD HVE MAJOR OPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD IN ROMANIAN JUDGMENT HAVE THE COMPETENCE TO DECIDE MAJOR LEVELS OF POLICY.

4. I HOPE VERY MUCH YOU CAN SEE GLIGA, WHOM YOU WILL FIND A REASONABLE INTERLOCUTOR AND HOPEFULLY ALSO PERHAPS A USEFUL INTERMEDIARY WITH SOME OF THE LDC'S.

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